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Subject: MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT

I SEE THAT AOL IS AGAIN TRYING TO STIFLE LEGAL COMPETITION FROM MICROSOFT BY GOING TO COURT AGAIN. THIS STRIKES ME AS RIDICULOUS. THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY HAS THRIVED UNDER COMPETITION, BUT THOSE WHO CAN'T COMPETE SEEK TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE BY GOING TO COURT.

THE CONSUMER HAS BENEFITED FROM THIS COMPETITION. IF AOL'S BROWSER WAS ANY BETTER THAN MICROSOFT'S, PEOPLE WOULD BUY IT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT MICROSOFT DOESN'T CHARGE.

IT SEEMS THAT AOL BOUGHT SUN MICROSYSTEMS IN HOPES THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A SETTLEMENT THROUGH COURT ACTION, SINCE THEY MUST SURELY HAVE KNOWN AT THE TIME THAT SUN WAS NOT COMPETITIVE. THEIR CASE SHOULD BE THROWN OUT OF COURT.